

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

21 -- While the H.323 standard defines certain requirements, the standard does have some gaps. For example, typically, certain H.323 signaling messages are transmitted between H.323 entities and the gatekeeper in a given zone only. These signaling messages include location, zone admissions, bandwidth, discovery, registration, and/or other signaling messages. These messages, however, may have to travel between multiple gatekeepers in their respective source-destination paths because the first receiving gatekeeper may not be able to process the signaling message. If the first gatekeeper cannot process the signaling message, it is sent for processing to another zone's gatekeeper. The H.323 standards do not specify how these signaling messages can be sent between the gatekeepers in a multiple-gatekeeper environment.--